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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to and including June 4, 2004 for responding to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003 (Paper No. 4) in the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith.
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